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RELEASE: CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO REVOKE OPERATING PERMIT FOR CASHMERE NIGHTCLUB

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Neighbors,

Please be advised that earlier this morning the City Council affirmed an earlier decision by a City Zoning Administrator revoking the Conditional Use Permit at 6757 Hollywood Boulevard, which until recently was the home of the Cashmere nightclub.

This comes on the heels on the closure of another Hollywood nightclub, Supperclub, which had been cited for multiple violations of its terms of probation with the City Attorney's office, and whose Conditional Use Permit also expired recently.

Councilmember O'Farrell remains strongly committed to ensuring that all nightlife operators act in good faith and in compliance with their operating permits.

A press release is below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



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Announcement follows recent violations, ranging from sexual assault to selling liquor to minors

CITY HALL -- Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell announced Wednesday that the City Council affirmed the Department of City Planning's (DCP) decision to revoke a conditional use permit (CUP) for a Hollywood nightclub because of multiple land use violations and criminal activity.

Cashmere, also known as *The Day After*, located on Hollywood Boulevard at North McCadden Place, has been the focus of numerous investigations by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). In August 2015, a 20-year old male DJ died while employed at the nightclub, and in a separate incident in 2014, investigators say a female college student was sexually assaulted.

"The incidents at Cashmere presented the City with an opportunity to streamline the process of bringing rogue nightclubs into compliance," said Councilmember O'Farrell. "These events serve as an example of the brazenness of some club operators to thumb their nose at the law and their utter disregard for the safety and security of their employees and patrons."

When operating a bar or club in the City of Los Angeles, establishments must receive a CUP from the City. The permit dictates various rules for operation, which could include hours of operation, age restrictions, alcohol and food sales, capacity, and promotions. Many clubs in Hollywood have been cited for violating these types of conditions.

"My office has created a task force consisting of the City Attorney's office, LAPD, DCP, LADBS, Los Angeles Fire Department, and Alcohol & Beverage Control to make sure scofflaw clubs like Cashmere comply with City permits: If they do not, we will shut down them down as expeditiously as possible, so nothing like this can happen again. Let this send a strong message."

This news comes on the heels of the closure of another Hollywood nightclub, Supperclub, which had been cited for multiple violations of its terms of probation with the City Attorney's office, and whose conditional use permit expired last week.

The Council action today will revoke Cashmere's CUP at their address on Hollywood Boulevard, and if the owners continue to operate, law enforcement can shut them down immediately.

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